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NASA Langley Research Center Partners with ePALS

ePALS Classroom Exchange, Inc., the world's largest online classroom community connecting over 3.5 million students and educators in 191 countries, will partner with NASA Langley Research Center's Office of Education.

As the lead center for distance learning programming and technology integration, NASA's Langley Research Center is working to promote excellence in education by supporting mathematics, science, and technology programs and activities for both students and teachers. This new partnership with ePALS will give students and teachers, working with Langley's Office of Education, access to collaborative tools and education resources.

"Our partnership with ePALS provides educators with an instrument for continuing and expanding educational experiences beyond the classroom," says Instructional Media Specialist, Robert M. Starr. "With ePALS, educators have a model for technology integration and a means of connecting their curriculum and students to NASA and the resource-rich world that resides outside of the classroom."

"ePALS is very pleased to be working with NASA's Office of Education who share our commitment to advancing the use of technology and education," says John Irving, Chief Executive Officer of ePALS Classroom Exchange. "We are very excited to provide teachers and students with even more tools to share knowledge and learn from their peers in the areas of science, mathematics and technology."

Through the ePALS website, students and teachers can find and speak with their counterparts in NASA CONNECT. These tools include teacher-monitored email with instant language translation, moderated discussion boards and private chat rooms. CONNECT is a series of instructional programs designed to enhance the teaching of math, science and technology concepts in grades 5-8. This Emmy award-winning TV series establishes the "connection" between the classroom and NASA research. Each program includes a teacher guide, classroom experiments and web-based activities that support the national standards in education.

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